

# ❖ **PADRE PIO FRATERNITY** ❖ **BROTHER AND SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS REGION** **SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER**

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## **THE CELEBRATION OF PROFESSION -A RESPONSE TO GOD'S CALL**

"Attribute to God every good you have received." ~ St. Anthony of Padua



**June 25, 2016**

### **Rite of Profession**

at St. Mary of the Angels  
 Chapel, The Community of  
 St. Francis, Raleigh, NC

Mass Celebrated by  
 Fr. Steve Kluge, OFM, & Fr.  
 Joseph, Madden OFM Conv.

*"Be who God meant you to be  
 and you will set the world on  
 fire."*

— *Catherine of Siena*

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit--fruit that will last--and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you." John 15:16

*"I promise to live all the days of my life, the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Secular Franciscan Order by observing its Rule of life." -from the profession ritual.*

Father Steve Kluge, OFM and Father Joseph, Madden OFM Conventual concelebrated the Mass of profession of The Secular Franciscan Order for Louis Coker OFS, Dianne Greet, OFS, Marie Roccoforte, OFS and Victoria Romero, OFS.

In this celebration, our candidates made their promise to live the gospel life, renewing their baptismal vows and consecrating themselves in the service of Christ's kingdom.

Father Steve's homily was based on St. Francis' *Letter to the Faithful* and

enjoined us to live the life of Brothers and Sisters of Penance.

Our minister, Stan Driscoll OFS led the ceremony and the Formation Director, Joanne Jacovec OFS led council members in the presenting of gifts.

We wish that their life long profession might conform their thoughts and deeds to those of Christ, as did St. Francis, St. Clare and St. Pio.



**Dianne, Victoria, Marie, Louis**



We need to thank Jim Wahl, St. Francis Director of Liturgy and Music for his performance, and also Helen Miller for her service as Sacristan. Thanks also to the new candidates who provided the overgenerous food and drinks for the reception that followed the ceremony.



## ⚓ *Getting to Know us Better* ⚓

**Victoria Romero** was born July 5th in Washington, D.C. She has been married to her husband John for 25 yrs. See above, first picture on the left. They have two daughters. Victoria's family moved here from Pennsylvania in 2011. She made her permanent profession last month. She was drawn to the fraternity because of the Franciscan Spirit in her heart. The family belongs to the Community of St. Francis in which they are very active. Victoria works as an Elementary School Councilor and also enjoys reading, knitting, and exercising. Her saint from extraction is St. Thomas More a Secular Franciscan martyred by King Henry VIII. Happy Birthday Victoria!

### Council Members

**Spiritual Assistant:**

David McBriar, OFM

**Lay Minister:**

W. Stanley Driscoll, OFS

**Vice Minister:**

Frank Peluso, OFS

**Formation Director:**

Sharon Winzler, OFS

**Appointed Treasurer:**

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Maureen Copan, OFS

**Councilor:**

Suzanne Nelson, OFS

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**Minister:**

DorothyAnn Rowland,  
OFS

**Area 3 Councilors :**

Carmen Madero, OFS

Frank Massi, OFS

### Next Gathering

July 24, 2016



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY OF PROFESSION

Joyce Wesner  
Jul 27, 2003  
Maureen Copan  
Jul 12, 2014  
Sharon Winzler  
Jul 12, 2014  
Suzie Nelson  
Jul 12, 2014



### Oak City Outreach

is on

**July 23, 2016**

between

**3:15 PM to 5:15 PM**

hosting dinner

for the homeless.

### Apostlates

For CPO or Library

E-mail Maureen Copan, OFS

For Hospitality E-mail

Marie Roccoforte, OFS

For the Newsletter

E-mail Frank Peluso, OFS

For JPIC & Oak City

Outreach, E-mail

Ellen Ferrone, OFS

For Prayer Requests

E-mail Laurie Wilburn, OFS

For the Scrapbook

E-mail Ida Irwin, OFS

For Sunshine

Call Marge Zombek, OFS

For the Website

E-mail Sharon Winzler, OFS

Welcome to



### Mike Oeser

Mike is the husband of Lynn Oeser, OFS and is participating in formation toward becoming an affiliate and may perhaps start in with the next initial formation group.

## July 2016 - Overview for the Month

“The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not the sharing of the Blood of Christ?” *St. Paul*



The month of July is dedicated to **The Precious Blood of Jesus**. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time. The last portion of the liturgical year represents the time of our pilgrimage to heaven during which we hope for reward.

*Blood of Christ, Eucharistic drink and refreshment of souls, save us.*

## The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of July 2016

**Universal:** That indigenous peoples, whose identity and very existence are threatened, will be shown due respect.

**Evangelization:** That the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean, by means of her mission to the continent, may announce the Gospel with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

### Franciscan Saints - July

1. Feast of the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
3. Bl. Marie Anne Fontcuberta, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule],
4. 40 Martyrs of China, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order and OFS
5. Bl. Ignace Falzon, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular,
6. St. Maria Goretti, Virgin Martyr, Corderbearer,
7. Bl. Oddin Barotto, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular,
8. St. Elisabeth of Portugal, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular
8. Bl. Gregory and companions III & I Orders
9. Nicholas Pick and companions I O
10. 8 Martyrs religious of the Franciscan 1st Order of Damas, also Veronica Guiliani, II order
11. 11 Martyrs religious of the Franciscan 1st Order of Holland
12. Sts. Geoffroy and Joachim, Priests, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyrs, also John Jones and James Wall I Ord. martyrs in England.
13. St. Francis Solano, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order.,
- 14. St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, religious 1st O** see p4

15. Bl. Bernard de Bade, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular  
16. Our Lady of Mount Carmel; St. Marie-Madeleine Postel, Virgin, religious of the TOR

17. Bl. Pierre De Foligno, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular

**19. St. Vincent de Paul, Priest**, had been a tertiary before founding a religious Institute,

20. St. Jerome Emilien, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding a religious Institute,

**21. St. Laurence de Brindesi, Priest, Capuchin religious, Doctor of the Church, d. 1619** In addition to a thorough knowledge of his native Italian, he had complete reading and speaking ability in Latin, Hebrew, Greek, German, Bohemian, Spanish and French.

22. Bl. Angeline of Marciano, Virgin, religious of the TOR

23. Bl. Louise of Savoy, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister and Bl. Cunegunda, II Ord.

24. Bl. Modestin de Jesus-Marie, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order

25. Bl. Antoine Lucci, Bishop, Conventual religious,

27. Bl. Marie-Madeleine Martinengo, Virgin, Capuchin,

28. Bl. Marie-Therese of the Infant Jesus, Virgin, Capuchin, martyr 1941

29. Bl. Alphonse de l'Immaculee, virgin, religious TOR

30. St. Leopold de Castelnovo, Priest, Capuchin religious,

**31. St. Ignatius de Loyola, Priest**, had been a tertiary before founding a religious Institute

**"If you learn everything except Christ, you learn nothing. If you learn nothing except Christ, you learn everything."**

**– St. Bonaventure**

## July 12 - St. Bonaventure

Saint Bonaventure was born in 1221 and joined the Franciscans in 1243, where he promptly established himself as one of the sharpest minds in the Order. Having been sent to study at the University of Paris, he was appointed Master (equivalent to today's doctorate) in 1257, alongside his friend St. Thomas Aquinas.

And if keeping up academically with the Angelic Doctor wasn't enough, he was soon after elected Minister General of the Franciscan Order, all before he was 37. He was also selected by Pope Clement IV for the post of Archbishop of York, but in keeping with his Franciscan humility, he steadfastly refused this honor and the pope acquiesced. Gregory X would eventually make him a cardinal. In his writings, St. Bonaventure emphasized the importance of mystical union with God, a union exemplified for St. Bonaventure by St. Francis. His was certainly a mind of the highest order, but to him, intellectual inquiry, while entirely good and valid, is of inferior interest when compared with the living power of the affections or the heart. St. Bonaventure, besides being renowned for his intellectual expertise, was also a wonderful example of the Franciscan values of peace and reconciliation.

He became Minister General at a time following St. Francis' death when the Order was on the verge of division over the issue of how strictly

to enforce their founder's vow of poverty. Displaying both a steady hand and a gentle touch, he was able to carve a moderate path that ultimately reconciled the two parties and kept the Order intact. It is no exaggeration to say that without St. Bonaventure, the Franciscan family of which Franciscan Mission Service is proud to call itself part would most likely not exist.

St. Bonaventure died in 1274 while serving as one of the leaders of the Second Council of Lyon, where he continued his work as peacemaker, seeking a way to reunite the recently divided Western and Eastern Churches. In doing so, he challenged the vested political and ecclesiastical interests that would have rather kept the Great Schism open. He died under mysterious circumstances, possibly having been poisoned for his efforts. He was canonized in 1484, and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1587. ~ *By Franciscan Mission Service*

### Companions in Prayer at Traveler's Rest, SC

*Happy Birthday to:*

**Bernadette Cappola, OSC**

**July 7**

**Carolyn Forgette, OSC**

**July 10**

Please keep them in your prayers, To find out more about the Poor Clares go to: <http://poorclaresc.com/zzz/who-we-are/staff/>.

**09/30/1982 ~ 06/05/2016**

Cutler Kornegay, husband of candidate, Cheryl Kornegay, OFS was laid to rest Friday, June 10 at 11am at St Matthew's in Durham. Cutler liked nature and simplicity, so his graveside service was in a beautiful rustic pine casket with rope handles and pegs instead of nails. Cutler was 33 years old. Cheryl and Cutler were married 17 years and have two children Cai and Grace. See the picture below.

Wisdom 4:7-15 "...The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest..."



Picture with family in California

A note from Cheryl:

Thank you all so very much for your prayers during Cutler's passing. Cutler passed into the arms of our Lord surrounded by friends and family who together sang him his favorite lullaby to send him home. Cutler was 33 years old.. God bless each of you. Peace and all good.

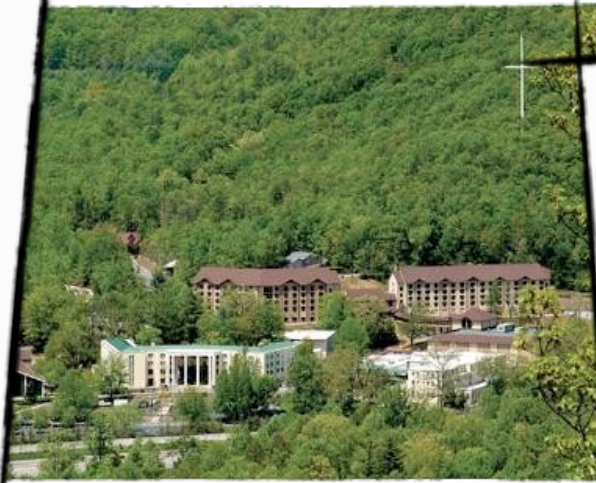


**BROTHERS AND  
SISTERS OF ST.  
FRANCIS REGION  
ANNUAL REGIONAL  
GATHERING (ARG)**

Life Way Conference  
Center – Ridgecrest,  
North Carolina

**August 12-14, 2016**

**Save this date!**



Thirty-two local fraternities of The Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis region, located in Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee will be attending the Annual Regional Gathering at Ridgecrest in the mountains of Western Carolina. Fraternities will have display materials that tell about their fraternity apostolates. The speakers have not all committed yet and the region will let us know who they are as soon as they can.

We'll have national visitors with us for the REC election, so we will have some words of wisdom from them. There will be a special program remembering Fr. Linus De Sanctis, OFM Conventual (pictured above). Carolyn Townes will give a talk on JPIC. There will be the usual activities, recognitions of new councils, new attendees, and anniversaries on Friday evening; discussion time with the NAFRA visitors on Saturday afternoon; memorial for deceased members of the Region on Saturday evening, and adoration from Saturday morning after Mass until Mass on Sunday morning.

**Journey My Soul at ARG by S. Lynn Oeser, OFS**

ARG offers the opportunity to meet and commune with other Secular Franciscans and their fraternities. It invites conversation, exchange of ideas and presentations of life in The Franciscan Way. There is communal prayer, Adoration and celebration of Eucharist. It is a sacred gathering of individuals who professed to a Rule that demands Gospel living in a Rite that has endured for centuries. Historians postulate that the movement of the Brothers and Sisters of Penance to the gospel life of love and poverty resulted in a peace that ended the feudal system in Europe. Through charity, gates were opened and fences and fortresses came down.

The opportunity and environment also exist at ARG for contemplation and journey through self-directed retreat. Just as Francis made retreat to quiet places to commune with the Lord, one may choose to find a quiet space to open heart and soul the stirring to the Holy Spirit.

St Clare loved and nurtured her soul. In her third letter to Agnes of Prague she writes:

*Place your mind in the mirror of eternity, place your soul in the brilliance of glory, place your heart in the figure of the divine substance and transform your whole self through contemplation into the Image of the God-head Itself, so that you too may feel what friends feel in tasting the hidden sweetness that God Himself has reserved from the beginning for His lovers. (The Lady, Clare of Assisi: Early Documents Revised edition and Translation by Regis J. Armstrong, O.F.M Capuchin.*

This year my self-directed retreat is: *Removing the Fences to My Soul*. I invite my fraternity brothers and sisters to join me in this retreat. I will joyfully share my spiritual exercises with anyone who wishes. If you would like a copy of the exercises and reflections send me an email at our fraternity's website: <http://ofscentralnc.org>,

*"Learn to get in touch with the silence within yourself and know that everything in this life has a purpose. There are no mistakes, no coincidences. All events are blessings given to us to learn from." Elizabeth Kübler-Ross*



What a glorious day this has been. For Fr. Steve in leading us in the Mass and homily which several wished they had it recorded to reinforce their pathway toward becoming Secular Franciscan. For Dianne, Marie, Victoria and Louis, you have enriched our fraternity beyond words by your permanent profession. To Joanne, Frank and Susie, your work to form each of our brothers and sisters in the light of St. Francis, St Clare and our Lord Jesus Christ brings such richness to the fraternity. To our new candidates and their family members, who worked so hard to lay out a fabulous spread of food, drinks and desert, no one left hungry or wanting. Just imagine that possibly as little as seventeen months we will have this occurring once again. ~ Stan Driscoll, OFS, Minister

To all my brothers and sisters, thank you for your presence at our Profession, for your love and support. What a beautiful reception afterwards! We are truly blessed. ~ Marie Roccoforte, OFS

There are no words to describe my gratitude for your love and support during our journey. Thank you, also, for all the behind the scenes work on Saturday. I am so grateful for each of you! Peace and love, ~ Victoria Romero, OFS

Thank you all for taking time out on a busy Saturday to attend our final and life-time profession to the Secular Franciscan Order not only as part of our universal Church, but to the Padre Pio Fraternity. For those of you who have just moved into Candidacy, it will become an emotional moment when you stand up there to profess and realize 3 years of your faith journey have taken place, but the journey continues. I am pretty stoic, but I did have a tear of two of pure joy. There have been only two other ecclesiastical occasions I was so moved; during my confirmation and when I had my feet washed on Holy Thursday... Joanne and Frank were witnesses. My wish is for each of you to experience that moment, the joy of the Holy Spirit.

A final note or picture to share with you. As I left early this morning for 7:30 AM Mass, walking down my patio sidewalk full of blooming flowers, I looked on a Rudbeckia flower and saw this bug (See below) with an auspicious marking on its folding wings. While I am a person of uncomplicated and simple faith, I have no doubt that it was a sign given to me in nature by the Holy Spirit through the intercession of our Sephardic Father, St. Francis. ~ Louis Coker, OFS



### Father David McBriar, OFM - In Recovery

We missed our Spiritual Assistant, Father David who is in recovery from knee surgery. He remains at the friary and people drive him to rehab. Father David is doing quite well. He has graduated from the walker to a cane. Father David is in our prayers,

It was very gracious of Father Steve Kluge, OFM to officiate at the ceremony of permanent profession since he has a tight and busy schedule at The Community of St. Francis of Assisi. We appreciate all he does for our fraternity and community. Thanks also to Father Joseph Madden, OFM Conventual, our former Spiritual Assistant, who concelebrated Mass for our newly permanently professed.